



KALIHI – PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 15

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

KALIHI UNION CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Ryan Mandado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note: This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Theresa Cummings, Firmo Dayao, Joe Dumayag, Bob Erb, Donald Guerrero, Ryan Mandado, and Crystal Medeiros.

Board Members Absent – Cy Feng, Mark Kamahale, Keoki Nunies, Amanda Ybanez, Jonan Sagadraca, and Jonie Williams.

Guests – Firefighter I Albert K.K. Kauwe (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant Harold Chi (District 1 – Honolulu Police Department), Lieutenant Bryan West (District 5 – Honolulu Police Department); Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply); Deputy Director of Consumer Services, Randy Leong (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Dennis Arakaki and Shirley Templo (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Representative); Cathy Ross (Governor Ige's Representative); Senator Glenn Wakai; Senator Donna Mercado Kim; Sonny Le (Representative Karl Rhoads' Representative); Randy Cortez and Leo Gozar (Representative Romy Cachola's Office); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); Rebecca Soon (Earth Justice); Nobu Nakamura, Ronald Higa, and Gavin Masaki (Residents); David Amodo (Videographer); Neighborhood Assistant II Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS – The Board introduced themselves at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter I Albert K.K. Kauwe reported the following:

- February 2016 Statistics – There were 3 structure, 1 brush, 2 nuisance, and 1 cooking fires, as well as 7 activated alarms, 85 calls for medical emergencies, 3 motor vehicle collisions with a pedestrian, 9 motor vehicle crash/collisions, and 2 hazardous materials incidents.
- Fire Safety Tip – If a fire breaks out at home, there may be only a few minutes to safely get out once the smoke alarm sounds. The HFD provides the following escape planning tips:
 - Make a home escape plan.
 - Know at least two (2) ways out of every room.
 - Have an outside meeting place.
 - Practice home fire drills twice a year during the day and night with those who reside in the home and use two (2) ways out.
 - Teach children how to escape on their own in case it is not possible to assist them.
 - Be sure to keep doors closed while leaving.
 - If the alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets. If the exit is covered through smoke, stay low and crawl under the smoke. Call HFD from outside the house.
- Fire Station Update – Fire Fighter I Kauwe noted that their station received a water craft and commented that the ocean rescue statistics might go up.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: House Keys – Higa noted that it is better to have one (1) key for all the doors to a home. Higa commented that it will help in case of a fire and it will allow you to open a door without fumbling through all the keys.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Lieutenant (Lt.) Baron Lee introduced Sergeant Harold Chi and reported the following:

- February 2016 Crime Statistics – There was 1 motor vehicle theft, 2 burglaries, 5 thefts, 8 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 3 assaults, 0 sex assaults, 0 graffiti, and 1 drug offenses. A total of 311 calls were placed for service.
- Safety Tips – Automated Teller Machine (ATM): Please utilize an ATM inside of a business whenever possible and try to avoid street ATM's during the night. Please be aware of suspicious vehicles and people in the area. Have an ATM card available before using the machine. Do not have any personal information on the card and leave the code out of sight. Secure the money at the ATM and try not to withdraw large amounts at one time. If a robber asks for the money, do not argue with them and note the robber's description. Try to escape as soon as possible, the money is not worth being harmed over.
- Community Policing – If anyone is interested in starting a neighborhood business security watch or a community citizen's patrol please contact Sergeant Deric Valoroso at 529-3695.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Statistics – Guerrero asked and Lt. Lee responded that District 1's statistics are low because they only have one (1) beat for the Kalihi Palama district and commented that District 1 goes from Liliha Street to Punahou Street.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 5 – Lieutenant (Lt.) Bryan West reported the following:

- February 2016 Crime Statistics – There were 19 motor vehicle thefts, 6 burglaries, 90 thefts, and 49 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). A total of 2,985 calls were placed for service.
- Safety Tips – 1) Lock all car doors and 2) Pedestrians need to walk when allowed to cross, if they do not make it across the street, take two (2) steps back from the curb to get a better view of the car traffic.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Jaywalkers – Guerrero noted that jaywalkers are becoming very bold. Lt. West responded that jaywalkers have always been bold and commented that throughout his time with HPD, he has noticed one (1) change in pedestrians, they have been walking and crossing the street with their head down and tuned into their phones. Lt. West commented that it is a busier world and there is more going on and all pedestrians need to pay attention to their surroundings.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Iris Oda reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – There were two (2) main breaks: 1) On Wednesday, February 10, 2016 a 24 inch main break occurred at 733 Middle Street, the main was installed in 1961. 2) On Sunday, February 14, 2016 a six (6) inch main break occurred at 910 Kopke Street, the main was installed in 1922.
- Reminder to Check for Leaks – The average American household waste more than 10,000 gallons of water each year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. In observance of National Fix-A-Leak Week, Sunday, March 13, 2016 to Saturday, March 19, 2016 and to promote water efficiency and savings, the Board of Water Supply (BWS) would like to remind residents to be aware and check their homes for potential leaks. Checking for leaks can prevent potential damage to a home and lower water and sewer bills. Free leak detection tablets are available to the public at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street. Drop a tablet into a toilet tank, and if color seeps through to the toilet bowl, this could be signs of a leak. Videos on how to check for leaks and more information on leaks can be found on, www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Part 3 of Water System Improvements – Templo asked if there were any updates for part 3 of the Honolulu Water System Improvements. Oda responded that she will follow up. Templo noted that BWS indicated that they started construction on Bannister Place on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, where they will probe and excavate for a new water main.

RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Homelessness – Erb proposed that the Board write a Resolution to City Council to support Governor Ige with the State of Emergency for housing. Erb noted that people are being cleaned and swept out of Kakaako and are treated so poorly with arrogance coming from the City. Erb noted that he has never seen a clean and sweep of human beings and commented that humans are the greatest entity of the Universe. Guerrero noted that he attended the Institute of Human Services (IHS) conference and commented that there are roughly 500 empty beds a night and noted that some people do not want to take the initiative to go in and seek the help. Erb responded that if the community thinks 500 beds can make a difference, it shows that they do not care about the

homeless and noted that it is a pathetic attempt. Chair Mandado noted that Erb should draft a Resolution and send it to him to be placed on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Honolulu Water System Improvements – Iris Oda distributed a handout and reported that BWS is planning to construct the proposed water system improvements in separate projects, which will impact various roads at different times. The preliminary construction cost estimate of the entire water system improvements is \$43.6 million, which is based on the 2016 prices. The estimate will be updated once design of the various water lines projects have been completed. The primary work in the Kalihi/Iwilei area will involve the excavation for the installation of a new 16 inch replacement water main between Pacific Street and Summer Street affecting North Nimitz Highway for a distance of approximately 1,355 feet. Construction of the proposed water system improvements in the Kalihi/Iwilei area are anticipated to start in Fiscal Year 2020 with an anticipated construction cost of \$2 million, based on the current available data. BWS will update the Board with any new information at the Boards monthly meetings.

Pacific Hui, NextEra Energy: Rebecca Soon with Earthjustice distributed a handout, and reported the following:

- Why NextEra Takeover Matters – NextEra wants to put \$30 billion worth of new construction on the credit card of the people in Hawaii. The people will have to pay it all back plus interest to the tune of over \$100,000 as rates increase for each family in Hawaii. NextEra guesses that their increases would be over \$400 over five (5) years, or \$6-7 per month, than increases under HECO. NextEra claims that their deep pockets are needed for such improvements are false. HECO has access to government bonds, and a publicly owned utility would have access to even better bond rates.
- Loss of Control and Transparency – NextEra's takeover would be a major loss of control and transparency where HECO would be just one (1) of the over 900 subsidiaries. The executives with ultimate authority are based in Florida. There would be zero (0) representation on the NextEra board from Hawaii. NextEra refuses to provide a plan until after the takeover is approved. It has only said it will execute HECO's plan, but that plan has been rejected twice by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).
- Publicly Owned Utilities: Ownership by the People – A common misconception in Hawaii concerning NextEra's proposed takeover of HECO is that there are only two (2) options: NextEra or the status quo. There are two (2) other good options, either municipal or cooperative ownership, would convert HECO into an entity that truly serves the best interests of its customers, instead of one (1) that exists to make profits for its stockholders.
 - Cooperative Ownership: Customer-Owned Utilities – There are over 1,000 coops that can provide power to over 42 million customers in 47 states. Each customer has an equal say in cooperative's decisions. Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) has been operating since 2002 and has brought what was previously the highest kWh rate in the State down to the second lowest island in the State.
 - Municipal Ownership: County-Owned Utilities – There are over 2,000 municipal electricity utilities exist in 49 states, serving 47 million customers, including those operated by the cities of Los Angeles, San Antonio, Seattle, and Orlando. In Hawaii, other utility services, including water, sewer, and bus service, are municipally owned. One (1) highly successful example on the main land has been the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), which was produced energy at the lowest rates in the entire state of California for 11 years, while at the same time earning the highest customer satisfaction ratings of any utility in the State.
 - Timeline – The PUC has been conducting evidentiary hearings and their final decision will come in June 2016. It was noted that it is the single most important deal in 130 years.
 - Resolution: There is a sample draft attached to the handout that have been adopted and are still being considered by several Neighborhood Boards already.
- What The Community Can Do:
 - The PUC Welcomes Community Input – Make sure to reference Docket No. 2015-0022. **Email**: puc.comments@hawaii.gov. **Fax**: (808) 586-2066. **Mail**: Public Utilities Commission, 465 A. King Street #103, Honolulu, HI, 96813
 - Write a Letter to the Editor, Honolulu Star-Advertiser – Letters should be crisp, to the point and less than 150 words. **Email**: letters@staradvertiser.com. **Fax**: (808) 529-4750. **Mail**: Letters to the Editor, Honolulu Star-Advertiser, 7 Waterfront Plaza, 500 Ala Moana, Suite 210, Honolulu, HI 96813.

- Contact The Elected Officials – Governor David Ige: Online Form – <http://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/contact-the-governor/>. **Phone:** (808) 586-0034 **Fax:** (808) 586-0006 **Mail:** The Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii, Executive Chambers, State Capitol, Honolulu Hawaii 96813. **Hawaii State Senators (all)** – sens@capitol.hawaii.gov. **Hawaii State Representatives (all)** – reps@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Pricing – Erb noted that he had previously worked in utilities and that his company had produced and sold electricity at \$ 0.06 per Kilowatt. Erb commented that he has never heard of \$0.34 per kilowatt and asked if anyone realizes how expensive it will be. Soon responded that the price will be six (6) times more and suggested that the Board and the Community advocate against the merger. Erb commented that HECO has no management skill and noted that the most expensive thing to produce is electricity.
2. Process – Dayao thanked Soon for opening the Boards eyes and informing them of the options and asked assuming that the PUC denies the proposal, what the process will be to convert HECO. Soon responded that all the options are different and commented that the process is complicated. Kauai took nearly 10 years to finalize their plans and it is unclear how the process will exactly happen. Soon noted that since it is complicated, they encourage Government agencies or private agencies to help keep help with the issue. Dayao understands that Pacific Hui and Earth Justice are in opposition to NextEra and suggested proposing a way or plan that includes a timeline, because the taxpayers would like to be informed. Soon responded that NextEra is the worst choice and knows that the Community should start looking for other options, but hopefully the experts can put a plan forward that will work best.

Inter-Island Hotel Furniture – Russell Wong was not present.; no report was provided.

Marsy's Law – Stacy Evensen was not present.; no report was provided.

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Deputy Director Randy Leong reported that the number for Abandoned Vehicles is 768-2530, and was available for questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Park Parking Lots – Dayao noted that there are many cars parked in the park parking lots after hours and asked if parking in the park parking lot is illegal. Leong responded that there are park closure hours but will follow up on the rules for vehicles.

Councilmember Joey Manahan's Representative – Shirley Templo reported the following:

- Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) – Councilmember Manahan's office has been receiving complaints about gang related activity at KPT. It was reported to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) and taken care of. Councilmember Manahan's office would like to thank HPHA for their response. HPHA plans to fix the fence at the baseball field and will increase their security on premisis.
- Cleaning Debris – Councilmember Manahan's office thanked the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Road Maintenance division for clearing the debris from the storm drains.
- Kalihi Valley Paint Out – There will be a Graffiti Paint out hosted by the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at De Corp/Perry Park. The paint out will be from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. It was noted that Councilmember Manahan's office can help set up a similar activity if the Board or members of the public would like to host an event.
- Gang Prevention Task Force – Arakaki noted that HB 1987 has passed through the House and is now with the Senate. There will be a hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2016.
- Parks – Arakaki noted that Councilmember Manahan's office has been looking to help clean up two (2) parks. The park on Auld Lane and the Park on School Street, behind Mexico Restaurant. Arakaki asked for the Boards help or support.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Park on School Street – Guerrero raised a concern about the Park on School Street, behind Mexico Restaurant, and asked what will be done there. Arakaki responded that there are a lot of unwanted elements in the area, and noted that they will try to deter those elements by helping the community clean the park.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Representative – Cathy Ross reported the following:

- Cooling Schools – Governor Ige is moving forward with his cooling the schools plan and more information can be found online.
- Tax Season – Ross noted that it is the tail end of the tax season and noted that everyone should submit their taxes as soon as possible.
- Virus Reports – Reports are being made for the known Zika and Dengue virus and it will be given out as soon as possible.
- New Smoking Laws – Hawaii has become the first state in the nation to raise the smoking age from 18 to 21. The law bans anyone under the age of 21 from buying tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Senator Kim distributed her newsletter and reported the following:

- Farrington High School – Senator Kim along with Principal Carganilla and Senator Kidani went to work to secure additional funding for new bleachers and bathrooms, which include tearing up the field and installing the items. The Department of Education (DOE) confirmed that they will be including the bathroom and the bleachers in the revised timetable with the targeted completion date being on the latter part of 2016.
- Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC) – Senator Kim noted that she included a new roof for the SWCC, Ewa wing as a part of her Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request and commented that SWCC has been a viable part of Kalihi for more than 100 hundred years.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Senate Bill (SB) 2561 – Dayao noted interest in SB 2561 and asked 1) if the number of units is based on needs, if so what is the basis and 2) if it has passed 3rd reading. Senator Kim responded that the number of units was based on the States resources and the goal which is to establish a plan and create a temporary special action team. Senator Kim commented that SB 2561 did pass 3rd reading and is now with the House.
2. Homeless – Erb noted that he is involved with the homeless and his concern is the State of Emergency that Governor Ige proclaimed and asked why the State does not allow every homeless person to use the public beach, parks, or forests to live temporarily and asked how the State will deal with all of the homeless. Senator Kim responded that bills have been introduced and are with the House. Erb noted that Senator Chun Oakland has been active and asked why Senator Kim is not active. Senator Kim responded that because she is no longer Senate President, she has not been told anything. Erb suggested having a tent city type plan.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – No representative was present; a report was made available.

Hearing no objections, Chair Mandado added Senator Glenn Wakai to the agenda.

Senator Glenn Wakai – Senator Wakai distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

- Farrington Field – Senator Wakai worked with area lawmakers to get \$350,000 for visitor bleachers, \$500,000 for a restroom on the field, and \$1.1 million for lights. The field is scheduled for completion before the end of the year.
- Farrington Auditorium – The Farrington Auditorium is undergoing an \$11 million makeover. The 1,100 seat facility has been off limits since the roof collapsed in November 2012. The roof has been replaced and enhancements have been made to the interior. There will be new seats, a new sound system, acoustic enhancements, and a fire safety system. The DOE anticipates unveiling of the new auditorium to the public in May 2016.
- Kalakaua Middle School – A brand new locker room at Kalakaua Middle School has been sitting idle for two (2) years, due to a dispute between the contractor and the DOE. The tiles in the showers were not laid properly so students have not been able to use it. Senator Wakai noted he was alerted of the issue during a campus tour and has pushed the State to hold back final payments to the contractor and use it to hire another contractor to complete the job. The locker room should finally be available for use in May 2016.

- Kalihi Kai Elementary School – The students of Kalihi Kai Elementary School wowed parents at their annual Ho'ike on Friday, March 11, 2016. Talented and energetic kids shared lessons about environmental preservation literacy.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Homeless – Erb asked why Senator Wakai's newsletter does not show him helping with the homeless since Governor Ige had declared a State of Emergency. Senator Wakai responded that the State has many programs and rules that are helping the homeless.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Sonny Le reported the following:

- Streetlights – Received a request to install more streetlights on Iwilei Road between 888 Iwilei Road and Kuwili Street. The request has been forwarded to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC).
- Bus Routes A and C – Received a request to have bus routes A and C stop at North King Street and North Beretania Street. The request has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
- Left Turn Signals – Received a request to install left turn signals turning from Palama Street unto Vineyard Boulevard. The request has been forwarded to DTS.
- U-Turn Installation – Received a request to install a U-Turn on Vineyard Boulevard at Pua Lane. The request has been forwarded to DTS.
- Homeless Encampment – Received a complaint regarding the homeless encampment on Kaaahi Street, Kaaahi Place, and Kaamahu Place. The issue has been forwarded to DFM.
- "Not a Through Street" Sign – Received a request to install a "Not a Through Street" sign at the beginning of Makalapua Place at Halona Street. The request has been forwarded to DTS.
- Rubbish Bins – Received several requests to install rubbish bins at 932 Akepo Lane, similar to those at Aala Park. The request has been forwarded to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV).
- Traffic Lanes – Received a complaint that there are no traffic lanes on Aala Street at the intersection with North Vineyard Boulevard. The issues have been forwarded to DTS.
- Smith/Beretania Park – The playground equipment at Smith/Beretania Park needs to be pressure washed. The issue has been forwarded to the City.
- Damaged Fence – Received a complaint regarding the damaged fence along the freeway at 1180 Olomea Street. Representative Rhoads has contacted the Department of Transportation (DOT) and noted that they will put in a work order to have the fence fixed.
- "Bump" Sign – Received a request to have the damaged "Bump" sign across 1216 Pua Lane fixed. The request has been forwarded to the City.
- Streetlights Out – Received a complaint regarding the streetlights being out on Liliha Street near North King Street. The issue had been forwarded to the City.
- Sidewalk on Iwilei Road – Received a request to install a sidewalk on the Makai side of Iwilei Road just Diamondhead of the Salvation Army. There is currently only gravel and the request has been forwarded to DFM.
- Speed Limit Change – Received a request to change the speed limit on School Street between Houghtailing Street and Lanakila Avenue from 30 miles per hour (MPH) to 25 mph. The request has been forwarded to DTS.
- Art at the Capitol – The Art at the Capitol event will be on Friday, April 1, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. U-Turn Request – Guerrero asked and Le responded that the U-Turn request will be going towards town. Guerrero noted that it is a good idea.
2. Hikina Lane – Medeiros noted that on Hikina Lane, there are a few businesses but parking is limited and asked what the tenants who live above the businesses can do. Medeiros commented that it is a private lane but the stalls block the property and the marked stalls for residents. Le will follow up.

Representative Romy Cachola – Randy Cortez distributed Representative Cachola's newsletter and reported the following:

- Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) – After HB 1721 was heard, Representative Cachola requested the Public Safety Committee Chair to use HB 2388 as a vehicle, to have a better chance of moving OCCC out of Kalihi.

- 2016 Proposed CIPs – it was noted that four (4) schools have submitted their request. Fern Elementary asked for \$10,000 for school fencing, Kalihi Waena Elementary \$210,000 for parking improvements, Farrington High School \$210,000 for school renovation, and Kalihi Kai Elementary School \$2,330,000 for air conditioning and parking improvements.
- State Capitol Reflecting Pool – In the newsletter there are reasons as to why the bill was introduced and noted that a demonstration of the reflecting pool idea is on Representative Cachola's Facebook.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Homeless – Erb asked if the Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed a safe place for the homeless to sleep. Erb noted that if there is a State of Emergency the focus should be on the need to help one (1) another. Cortez agreed and noted that the parks are being used by other citizens. Erb commented that only 20% of the parks are being used.

NEW BUSINESS

Dayao asked Chair Mandado to take the agenda out of order to Resolution to Support HB 1356 CD2. Hearing no objections, Chair Mandado took the agenda out of order.

Resolution to Support HB 1356 CD 2 – Dayao read the Resolution. Cummings asked if the Board can read the Resolutions first and vote on them at the April 2016 meeting. Hearing no objections, Chair Mandado deferred all the Resolutions to the April 2016 meeting.

UNFINISHED/ON GOING BUSINESS

Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HTRTP) – Pat Lee reported the following:

- Train Cars – The first set of train vehicles, four (4) rail cars, are expected to arrive in Honolulu at the end of the month. Ansaldo Honolulu (now Hitachi Rail USA) was awarded the \$1.4-billion Core Systems Contract to design, build, operate and maintain the train vehicles in addition to the operations and control center. Honolulu's rail system will be the first fully automated driverless urban rail transit system in the United States. The train cars are manufactured at their factory in Reggio Calabria, Italy and shipped to Pittsburg, California, for final assembly, then on to HART's Rail Operations Center in Waipahu. HART's trains will consist of four (4) cars. Each four (4) car train can carry about 800 people. The car shell structure is 100% aluminum. There are two (2) types of car shells, one (1) type for the ends of the train and the other for the middle cars. The middle car shells have an opening at both ends to permit passengers to move between the four (4) car trains. There are three (3) doorways on each side of both types of rail cars. Each rail car is 59-1/2 feet long, 14 feet high and 10 feet wide. The car shell structure consists of a combination of over 40 different aluminum extrusion profiles. The aluminum extrusions are welded together. The weight of the aluminum car shell without doors, interior linings, seats or other equipment is approximately 14,000 pounds. HART's four car trains will include: Closed-circuit security cameras, Air conditioning, Free WiFi, Seating for 188 riders, Space for surfboards, coolers, luggage, strollers, bicycles and wheelchairs
- Potholing Work – The investigative potholing work on Dillingham is starting soon, and fliers have been mailed out to residents in the Dillingham corridor to advise them of the work taking place.
- Motorized Vehicles – In response to a question from a resident at last month's meeting regarding acceptance of motorized bicycles on the trains, "electric" motorized bikes, as with motorized wheel chairs, will be allowed on trains and in stations. However, "gas" or combustible driven bicycles will not be allowed.
- General Information – For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Dayao moved and Medeiros seconded that the Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 UNANIMOUSLY ADOPT the February 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes, 7-0-0 (AYE: Cummings, Dayao, Dumayag, Erb, Guerrero, Mandado, and Medeiros.)

OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report – Chair Mandado reminded those on the Board or whoever would like their Resolution to be heard, to first email him or the Neighborhood Assistant.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cummings reported that \$29.77 was spent in February 2016, leaving a remaining balance of \$167.62. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – The next Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Kalihi Union Church, 2214 North King Street.
- Olelo – The Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15 recordings can be seen on Olelo channel 49 or at www.olelo.org/live at the following times:
 - 1st Monday of each month at 9:00 p.m.
 - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed by: Sam Wolff, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed and Finalized by: Chair Ryan Mandado



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RESOLUTION OF THE KALIHI-PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD #15 OPPOSING THE CONVERSION OF THE BLOOD BANK OF HAWAII'S HEADQUARTERS ON DILLINGHAM BOULEVARD IN KALIHI INTO AN ALL-IN-ONE CENTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

WHEREAS, there is an intent by the Honolulu City Council to purchase the Blood Bank's 27,216 square feet of land and the entire 15,723 square-foot building; this proposal shall provide a range of services for the homeless including a homeless center in Kalihi; (1)

WHEREAS, this Blood Bank site is in addition to the existing Hale Mauiola transitional shelter and the proposed 1,500 homeless facility at Sand Island Area in Kalihi; (2 & 3)

WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for a homeless center since its immediate surrounding area contains a park, schools, small businesses, and other commercial establishments; (4) and

WHEREAS, the absence of the homeless center and the relocation of the Oahu Community correctional Center (OCCC) would generate investment and development opportunities in Kalihi; (5) now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalihi-Palam Neighborhood Board #15 is in opposition of policies that would facilitate the creation of an all-in-one center for the homeless in Kalihi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Council Chair, and Members of the City Council of the City & county of Honolulu.

Introduced by Firmo S. Dayao, Board Member.

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- (1) Star Advertiser, February 26, 2016, "Homeless Center idea pitched for blood bank property", by Dan Nakaso.
 - (2) KHON 2.com, November 18, 2015, "Hale Mauiola transitional housing, services opens on Sand Island", by Alexander Zannes.
 - (3) Star Advertiser, February 7, 2016, "Bills tackling homelessness and animal rights on Agenda", by Cathy Bussewitz, Associated Press.
 - (4) From City-Data.com, in 2013, the percentage of family households in Kalihi is 52.5%, while it is 39.3% in the city of Honolulu.
 - (5) See "Kalihi Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan: Executive Summary", November 2014, in Honolulu.gov.



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RESOLUTION OF THE KALIHI-PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD #15 OPPOSING THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CENTER WHERE 1,500 HOMELESS PERSONS CAN RESIDE AT SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA.

WHEREAS, homelessness is a serious problem affecting many neighborhoods and communities throughout the State, (1) and

WHEREAS, under HB 2663 and SB 3063, the transitional housing center shall house up to 1,500 individuals in a maximum of six separate areas, which may be segregated for families, men, and women, (2) and

WHEREAS, the transitional housing center shall house up to 1,500 individuals in a maximum of six separate areas, which include tents, tiny homes, containers, or other low cost structures approved by the State with passenger cars and other vehicles parked at the center and used for shelter; (3) and

WHEREAS, these 1,500 individuals are already in addition to the existing homeless shelter that the City and County of Honolulu has in place at Sand Island Recreation area; (4) and

WHEREAS, Kalihi, specifically the Sand Island Recreation Center is not an appropriate place for a temporary transitional housing center since its immediate surrounding area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and other commercial establishments; (5) and

WHEREAS, the park is heavily used by the community for recreational activities, placing additional homeless there will surely change the very nature of the park; (6) and

WHEREAS, situating the homeless shelter in Sand Island will surely impact our Kalihi community; (7) and

WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources signify their opposition to the bill; (8)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board #15 is in opposition of policies that would facilitate the creation of a transitional housing center in Sand Island; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Mayor, and Members of the City and County of Honolulu.

Introduced by Firmo S. Dayao, Board Member.

- (1) CBS News, January 2, 2016, "Hawaii's homeless problem reaches crisis level", by Chip Reid.**
- (2) HB 2663 & SB 3063 are both entitled "Relating to a transitional housing center for the homeless".**
- (3) Star Advertiser, February 7, 2016, "Bills tackling homelessness and animal rights in Agenda", by Cathy Bussewitz, Associated Press.**
- (4) Honolulu Civil Beat, November 19, 2015, "Sand Island Facility opens its doors to the homeless", by Rul Kaneya.**
- (5) See "Kalihi Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan", November 2014, in Honolulu.gov.**
- (6) See Wikipedia, "Sand Island (Hawaii)", in en.wikipedia.org.**
- (7) "Tenants shell out more than \$100,000 a year for security, said Rodney Kim, Executive Director of the Sand Island Business Association. That cost that's doubled since 2010", Hawaii News Now, February 9, 2016, by Allyson Blair, Reporter.**
- (8) Star Advertiser, February 7, 2016, "Bills tackling homelessness and animal rights on Agenda", by Cathy Bussewitz, Associated Press.**



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RESOLUTION OF THE KALIHI-PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD #15 STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND SUBSEQUENT UTILIZATION OF THE LAND TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF KALIHI-PALAMA

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Oahu Community Correctional Center (“OCCC”) is more than one hundred years old and is in a state of disrepair and corrosion; (1) and

WHEREAS, renovating and upgrading the aging OCCC will be more expensive than building a new facility in another location; (2) and

WHEREAS, Kalihi may no longer be an appropriate place for a community correctional center since its immediate surrounding area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and other commercial establishments; (3) and

WHEREAS, the presence of OCCC has historically discouraged development in Kalihi and currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community’s opportunity to benefit from transit-related development and redevelopment projects; (4) and

WHEREAS, relocating OCCC will generate land development opportunities on the current 16-acre Kalihi site and that the future utilization of the land it currently occupies shall benefit the people that live and work in the Kalihi-Palama neighborhood; (5) and

WHEREAS, if developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is well-situated to become a major center of economic activity, generate tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and property tax revenues for the City and County of Honolulu, and benefit from private development-related to transit-oriented growth; (6) now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board #15 urges the Governor of the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii State Legislature to support policies that would facilitate the relocation of OCCC to Halawa Prison, a more appropriate location that is not situated directly adjacent to residences, business, and community facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii; the Director of the Department of Public Safety; the President of the Senate and all Senators; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all Representatives.

Introduced by Firmo S. Dayao, Board Member.

- (1) KHON 2, April 28, 2015, “Lawmakers consider options for Oahu Community correctional Center”, by Brent Remadna.**
- (2) Hawaii Reporter, February 19, 2014, “Revitalize Kalihi by moving the Oahu Community Correctional Center”, by Rep. Romy Cachola.**
- (3) From city-data.com, in 2013 the population of the Kalihi-Palama district is 39,274; density of people is 8719 per sq. mile, while Honolulu’s density is 4,368 per sq. mile.**
- (4) See “Kalihi Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan”, November 2014, in Honolulu.gov.**
- (5) Civil Beat, January 22, 2016, “Jailhouse Rock: Moving OCCC is a Priority for Gov. Ige”, by Rul Kaneya.**
- (6) See “Kalihi Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan”, November 2014, in Honolulu.gov.**



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RESOLUTION OF THE KALIHI-PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD #15 STRONGLY SUPPORTING HB 1356 CD, A MECHANISM TO SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

WHEREAS, the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board #15 invited Representative Romy Cachola on January 20, 2016 to show a power-point presentation regarding HB 1356 CD which would save billions of taxpayer dollars, in response to rising state retirees' healthcare premiums and health unfunded liability; (1)

WHEREAS, healthcare premiums have risen from \$523 million in 2004 to \$873 million in Fiscal Year 2013 and increasing yearly; (2) and

WHEREAS, the State/Counties under Act 268 (2013) have to spend about \$500 million and \$150 million per year respectively for the next 30 years starting in 2019, which the State and Counties cannot afford under this Act; (3) and

WHEREAS, solving this funding problem under the proposed HB 1356 CD 2 amends Act 268 by capping a prefunding amount up to \$2 billion such that State and counties will stop prefunding once \$2 billion is reached; (4)

WHEREAS, the \$2 billion will yield an average of \$140 million yearly investment income per actuarial estimate which is more than enough to cover the yearly retirees' increase in health premium; (5) and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Board #15 agrees, as proposed in HB 1356 CD 2, that there are ways to save billions of taxpayer dollars without increasing the state general excise tax, and property tax for the counties; and

WHEREAS, funds not used to prefund the liability can be used by both the State and counties, to fund needed programs; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board # 15 express its strong support to HB 1356 CD 2 and urges the passage of said bill;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all Representatives.

Introduced by Firmo S. Dayao, Board Member

(1) Figures were taken from the presentation of Rep. Romy Cachola to the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board on January 20, 2016.

(2) Taken from Rep. Cachola's presentation to the Board on January 20, 2016.

(3) Proposed by HB 1356 CD 2.

(4) Taken from Rep. Cachola's presentation to the Board on January 20, 2016.

(5) Taken from Rep. Cachola's presentation to the Board on January 20, 2016.